

Sunday school teachers and scholars from 45,000 to 300,000. Her contributions for all purposes in 1844 were about \$1,500,000. This year they will not be less than \$6,500,000. In 1844 the Lord Bishop of Oxford made special marvel at the growth from the time our two Bishops landed at New York on Easter Sunday, 1787. "From Puritan Massachusetts in the north," he said, "down to the slave-tilled bottoms of torrid Louisiana, and from the crowded harbor of New York back to the unbroken forests and rolling prairies of Illinois the successors of the Twelve administer in Christ's name the rule of this spiritual kingdom." Now, the whole boundless continent is ours, and Illinois is in the very center.

And all this time we have been going to Rome, or to Geneva, or somewhere; for dear Aspen, whom we sincerely respect, has told us so!

Men and brethren, let us put away those childish fears, and have faith in God. Ye who forbode evil things because you cannot have every shoe made on your last, look up to the calm stars and see how silent they are—golden symbols of the wise, patient, loving Hand that framed them, and Who frets not nor grows weary, but unperturbed by the tumults of the world, does His blessed work in His own calm Divine way.—*Living Church, U.S.A.*

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

If any King or Bishop of England had been asked in the ages before the Tudors, as to what Church he belonged, he would have answered, "The Church of England." In fact, England never had a Roman Catholic sovereign,

until James II. became such, and lost his crown in consequence. Never was England worse trampled upon by the See of Rome than in the days of King John; yet that was the epoch of *Magna Charta*; and its first words proclaim the freedom of "the Church of England" not of "the Church of Rome in England"—much less of "the Roman Catholic Church in England"—a Church of which nobody ever heard until after Queen Elizabeth's accession and the Romish Recusancy. And what is true of England, is true of France and of other Western Churches; their sovereigns and prelates belonged to the Gallican Church, the German Church, etc. In those days then, "the Church of Rome" meant the See of Rome and its Italian Provinces, and there was no "Roman Catholic Church in existence. This stupid and self-refuting name was born of the new ideas which took possession of the Latin Churches after Luther's day; and it is a badge of modernism which may well suggest the question, "Where was your religion before Luther?"—*Bishop Cox.*

EXCUSES.

It is a common experience with every clergyman to have some of his people excuse their non-attendance at church on the ground that they are not able to wear as fine clothing as certain other people, and do not like to be "looked down upon." Since the self-evident and solemn truth that God, in whose Temple we assemble for worship, cares naught about the apparel which covers our perishable bodies, does not have its due effect, it may